

What is claimed is:**1. A container comprising:**

a body defining a receptacle and having a base and a peripheral wall upstanding therefrom, the wall defining an opening having a circumferential edge portion that turns outwardly along its entire periphery to have a first cross-section; and

a lid for closing the opening of the body and having a circumferential edge portion that turns downwardly along its entire periphery to have a second cross-section complementary in shape to and for enclosing the first cross-section for surface sealing engagement therewith;

wherein the lid edge portion includes at least two flaps on different sides of the lid, which are foldable inwardly and upwardly to be resiliently self-expanding for bearing resiliently at an acute angle against an outer surface of the body wall to thereby maintain the sealing engagement, with the lid edge portion forming a gap with the body wall outer surface across which the flaps extend.

2. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body wall is outwardly inclined from bottom to top at an acute angle.

3. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gap has a width and the flaps have a dimension measured from the lid edge portion that is larger than the width of the gap such that the flaps are resiliently flippable outwardly through an over-center action while bearing against the body wall outer surface upon removal of the lid from the body.

4. The container as claimed in claim 3, wherein the body wall is outwardly inclined from bottom to top at an acute angle.

5. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid edge portion turns upwardly along its entire periphery before turning downwardly to thereby form an annular rib including the second cross-section.

6. The container as claimed in claim 5, wherein the annular rib includes an inner side that has a profile complementary in shape to that of a top part of an inner surface of the body wall for surface sealing engagement therewith.

7. The container as claimed in claim 5, wherein the lid edge portion turns downwardly along its entire periphery before turning upwardly to adjoin the annular rib, thereby forming an annular groove immediately within the annular rib.

8. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flaps are integrally connected to the lid edge portion along fold lines such that the flaps are readily foldable.

9. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body wall outer surface has a rough surface texture for frictional engagement by the flaps.

10. The container as claimed in claim 9, wherein the body is molded from paper pulp.

11. The container as claimed in claim 10, wherein the lid is also molded from paper pulp.